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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
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U.S. House of Representatives
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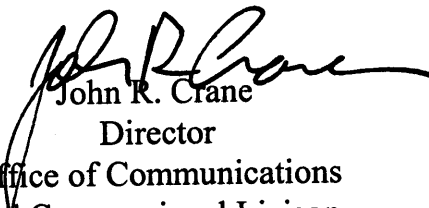
Dear Congressman Conyers:

This is an initial response to your letter of March 24, 2003, requesting that the Inspector General "immediately open an investigation into allegations of conflict of interest and other misconduct involving Richard N. Perle, Chairman of the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board."

We have initiated an inquiry regarding the conduct of Mr. Perle and will provide you with our findings as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (703) 604-8324.

Sincerely,


John R. Crane
Director
Office of Communications
and Congressional Liaison

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman